

Demystifying medicine: transplantation and replacement therapy for heart failure



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Pediatric Organ Transplantation*

2005

Organ	Transplants	Total transplants (%)
Kidney	890	16,477 (5.4)
Liver	569	6,443 (8.8)
Lung	54	1,406 (3.8)
Intestine	96	178 (54)
Pancreas	26	541 (4.8)
Heart	313	2,125 (14.7)
K/P	7	903 (0.8)
Heart/Lung	5	35 (14.3)
Total	1,960	28,108 (7%)

**Children awaiting transplantation = 2,187/99,383 (2.2%)*

Organ	1-year graft survival (%)	1-year patient survival (%)
Kidney	92	96
Liver	82	86
Heart	87	87
Kidney + Pancreas	91	95
Pancreas	78	95
Lungs	82	84
Small Intestine	78	84
	~85%	~90%

Solid Organ Transplantation

Long-term failure

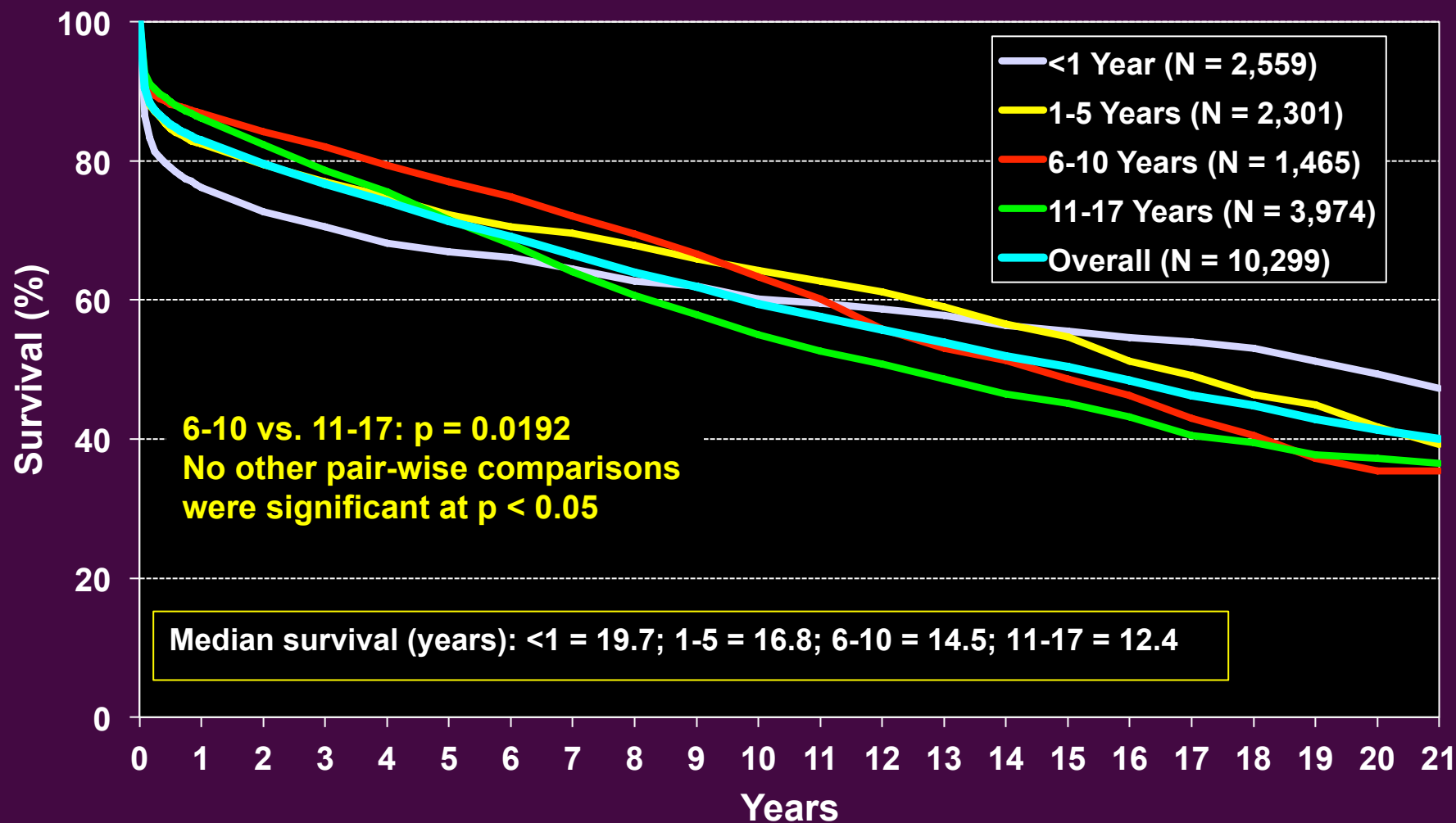
Graft Survival (%)

1-year 3-year 5-year 10-year

Kidney	92	82	68	38
Heart	87	79	68	48
Lung(s)	82	58	49	-

Pediatric Heart Transplants

Kaplan-Meier Survival (Transplants: January 1982 – June 2011)



Persisting Pestering Problems

- 1) Supply/demand imbalance
- 2) Morbidity from immunosuppression (e.g., renal, cardiovascular, infectious, malignancy)
- 3) Chronic rejection/injury and graft loss
- 4) Competing and emerging therapeutics (e.g., mechanical circulatory assistance, xenotransplantation, stem cells, whole organ engineering)

Key knowledge gaps

- 1) How can we optimize and individualize therapies and improve late graft outcomes mediated by immune and non-immune factors
- 2) Expansion and optimization of the donor and recipient pool
- 3) Optimize and individualize IS therapies and improve late allograft outcomes mediated by immune and non-immune factors
- 4) Characterize and understand antibody mediated rejection

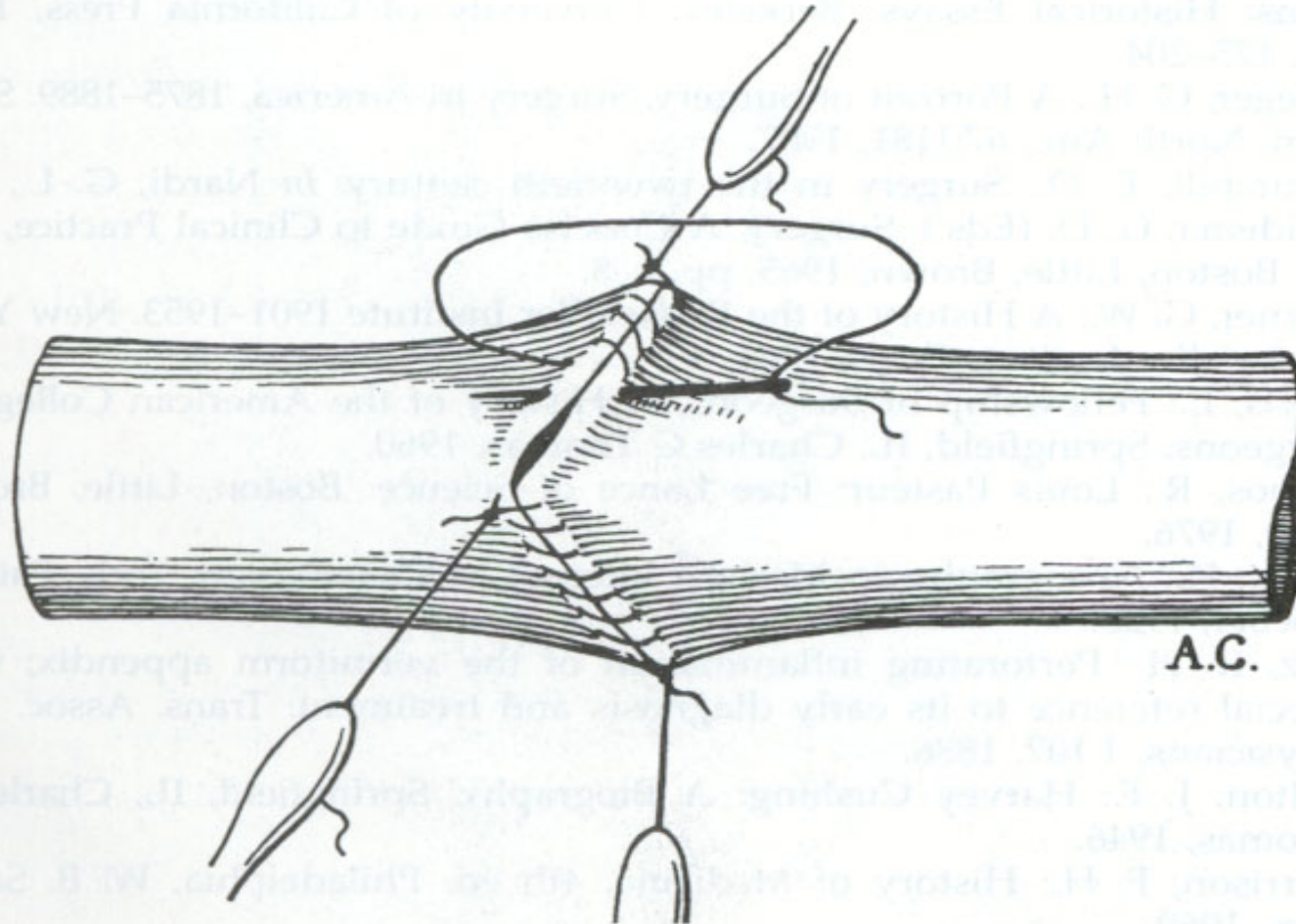


Figure 1–20. Joining blood vessels by suture anastomosis. This representation is adapted from the line drawing by Alexis Carrel published in *Lyon Medical* in 1902. The walls of the two blood vessels (here drawn as about 5 mm. in diameter) are held together by three holding sutures. Another is then used to sew over and over, with very fine needles (“aiguilles extrêmement fines”). This method of suture anastomosis, demonstrated initially by Carrel, is still used throughout surgery, and particularly in the transplantation of organs.

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HYPOTHERMIA

ITS POSSIBLE ROLE IN CARDIAC SURGERY:
AN INVESTIGATION OF FACTORS GOVERNING SURVIVAL IN DOGS
AT LOW BODY TEMPERATURES*

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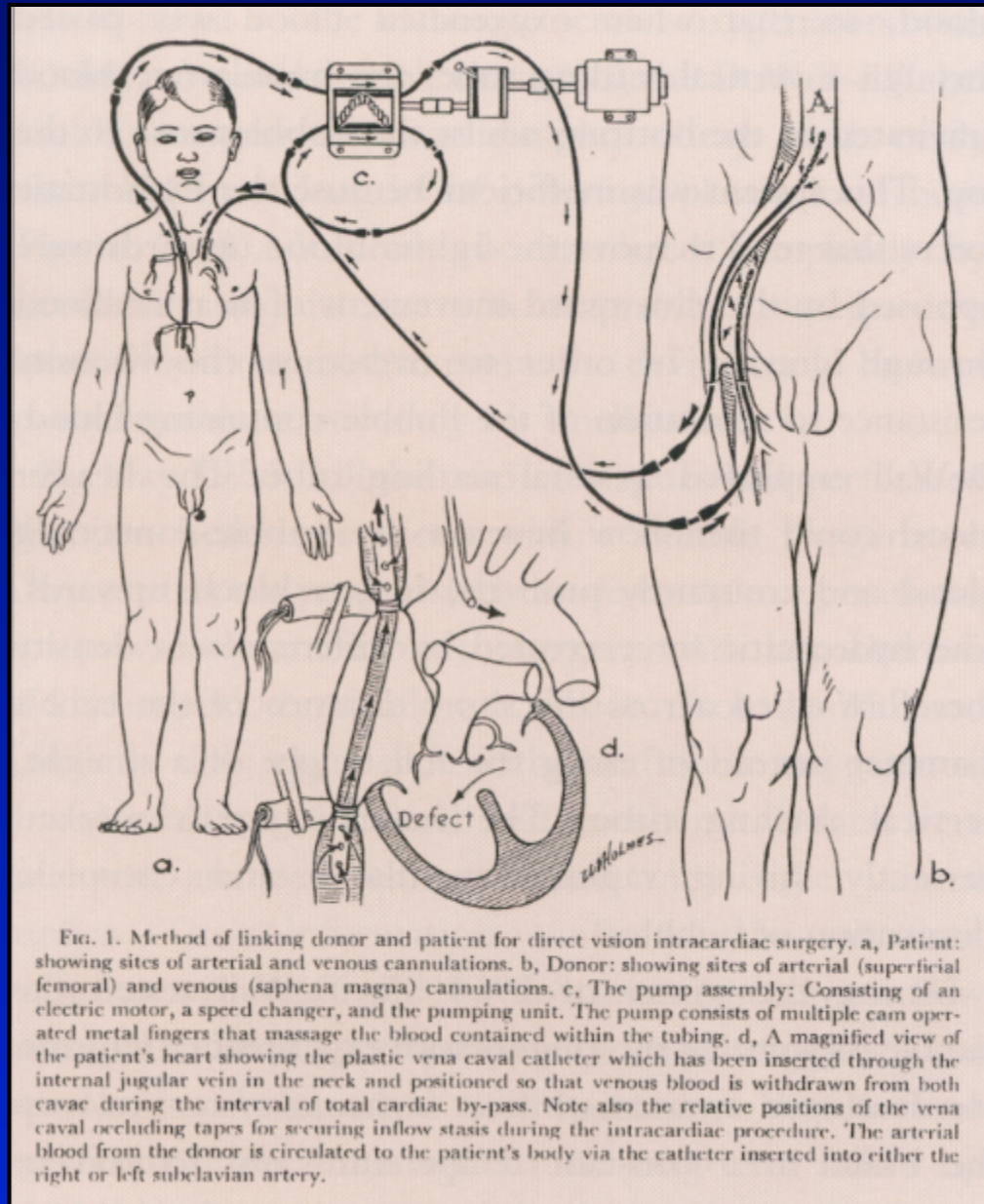
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THE USE OF HYPOTHERMIA as a form of anesthetic could conceivably extend the scope of surgery in many new directions. A state in which the body temperature is lowered and the oxygen requirements of tissues are reduced to a small fraction of normal would allow exclusion of organs from the circulation for prolonged periods. Such a technic might permit surgeons to operate upon the "bloodless heart" without recourse to extra corporal pumps, and perhaps allow transplantation of organs.

At the present time, pericardectomy as well as operations designed to revascularize^{1, 2, 3} or repair⁴ the myocardium are in the process of development; these involve the heart wall. Most so-called heart operations, however, are restricted to the anastomosis of vessels about the heart, the most notable in this category being the current operations for congenital heart disease^{5, 6} and a shunt⁷ for mitral stenosis. Intracardiac procedures upon human beings are heroic technics designed to open a stenosed mitral valve and close¹¹ or produce¹² a septal defect in an intact heart with little or no visual control. All these procedures represent advances in our knowledge, but the human heart until now has resisted serious inroads by the surgeon. The shunt operations produce a secondary, although less serious, defect and intracardiac operations under direct vision are still not possible.

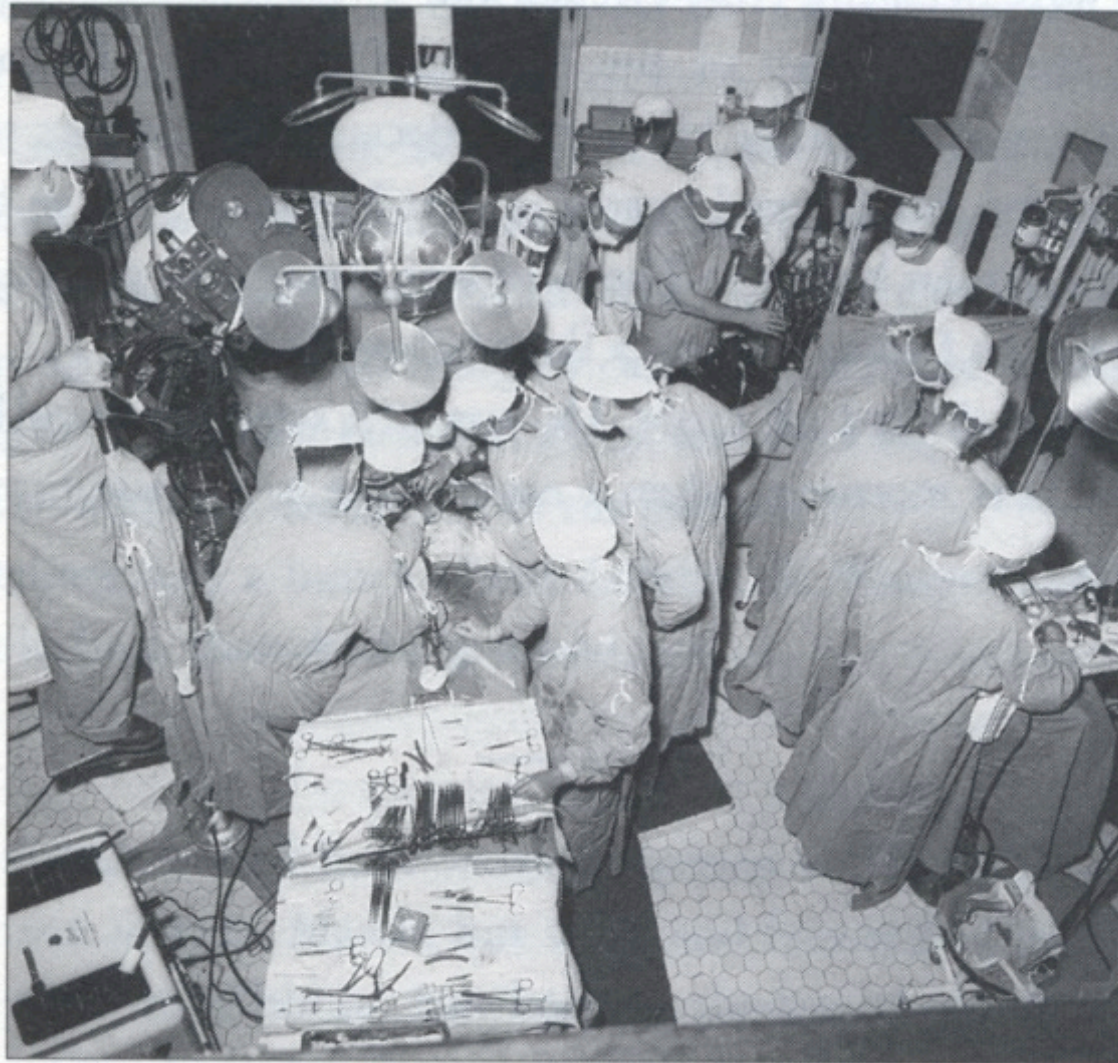
A bloodless heart excluded from the circulation is necessary before much further progress can be made in the field of cardiac surgery. Methods to short circuit the heart by an extra corporal heart-lung pump have been under experimental study in different centers¹³⁻¹⁶ for several years. We have used

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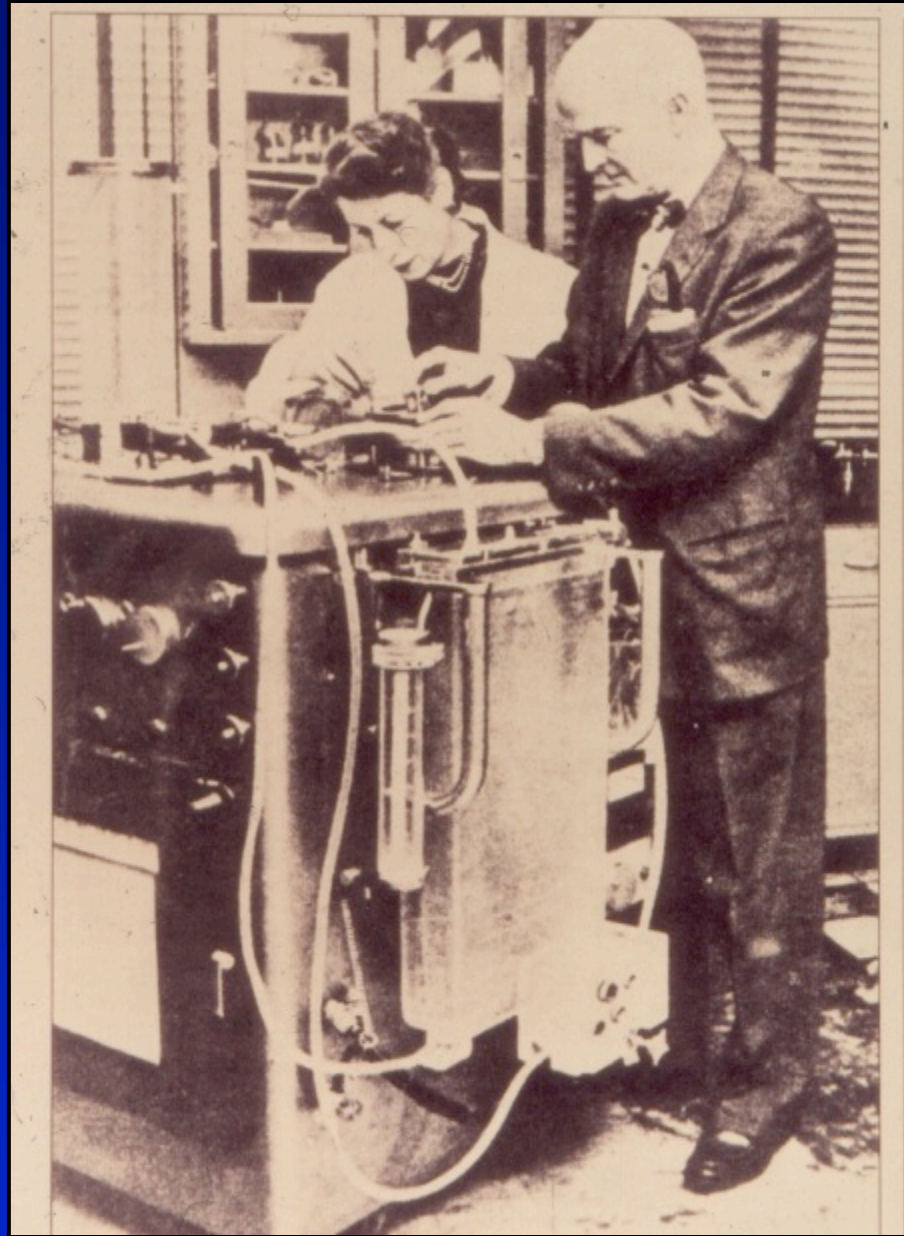


Lillehei's Cross-Circulation Diagram

Dad = heart-lung machine
Son = subject with hole in heart

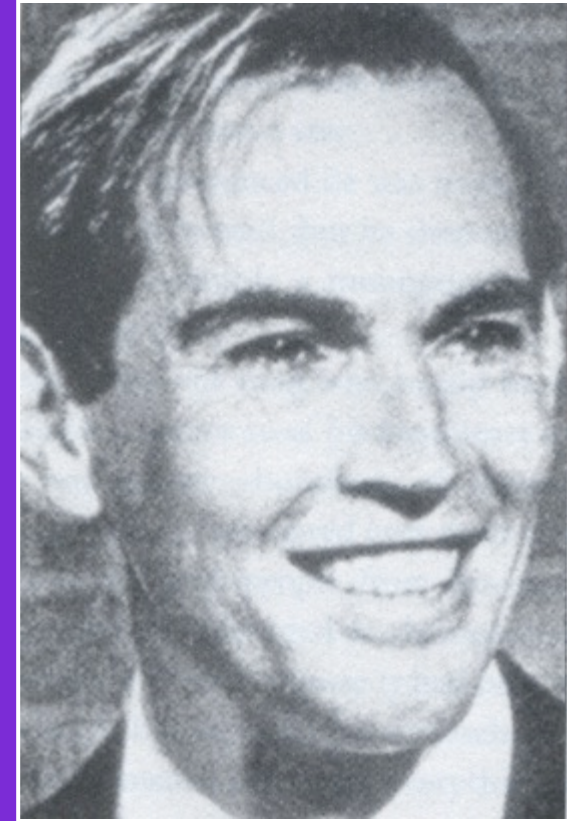


CROSS-CIRCULATION IN THE OPERATING ROOM



John Heysham Gibbon and his wife

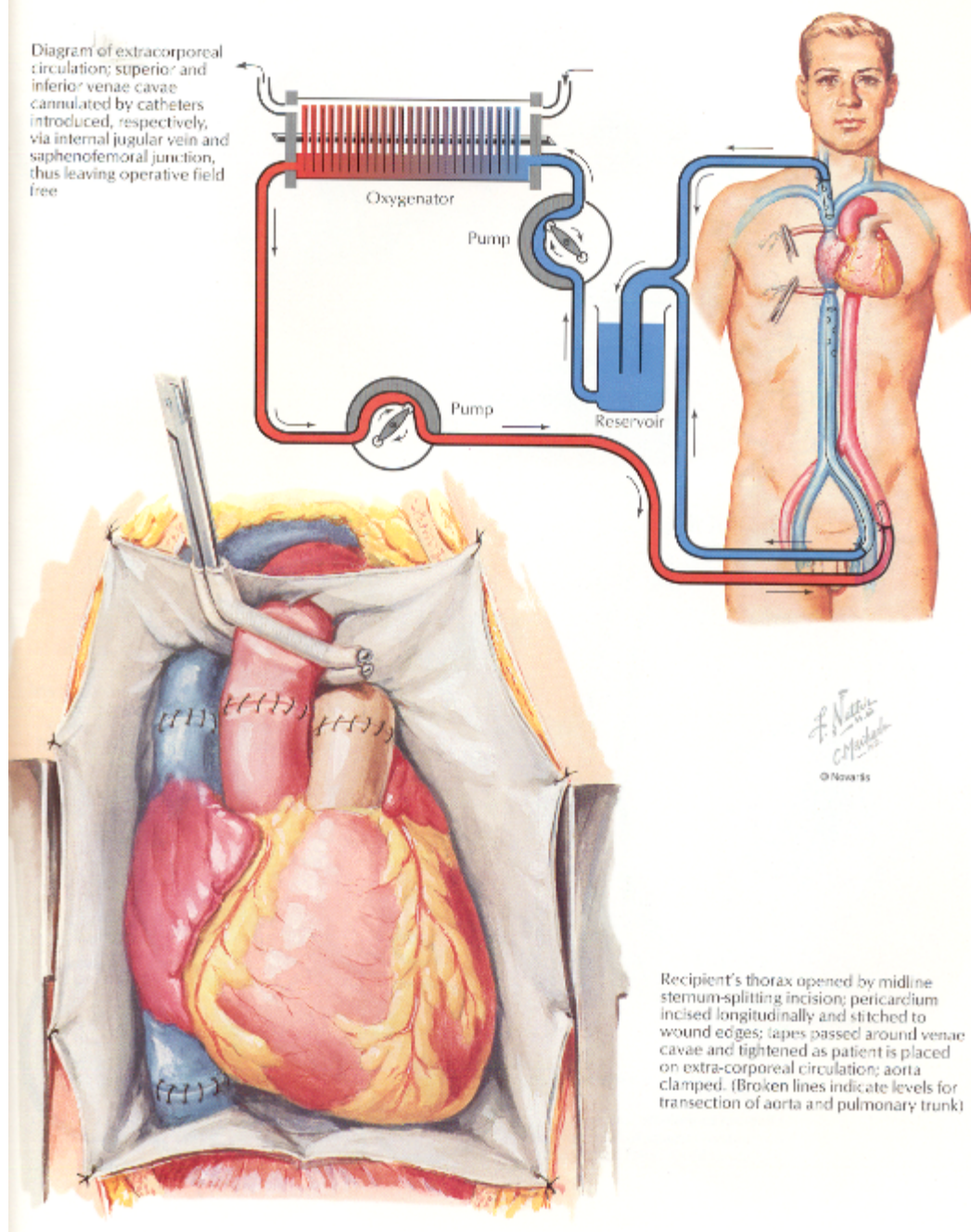
The Cape Argus Newspaper after the First Human Heart Transplant



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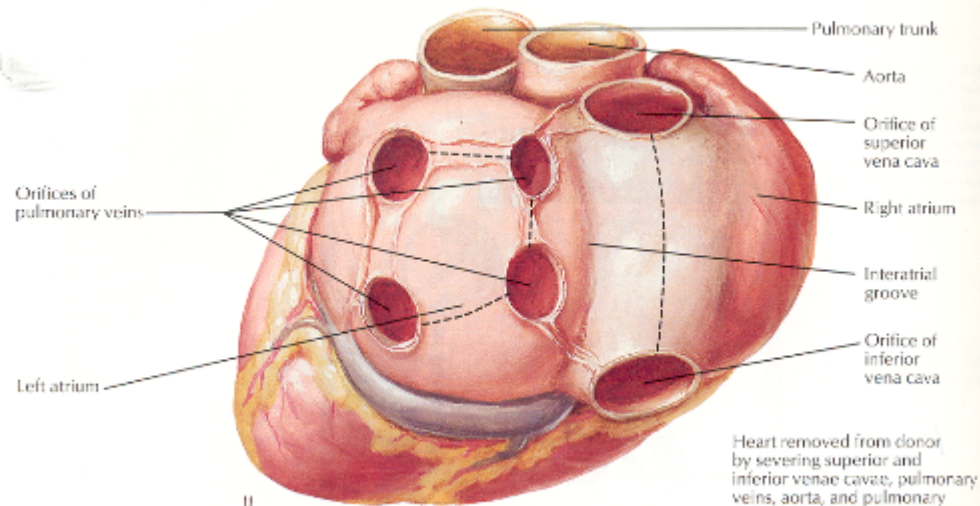
Heart Transplantation

Diagram of extracorporeal circulation; superior and inferior venae cavae cannulated by catheters introduced, respectively, via internal jugular vein and saphenofemoral junction, thus leaving operative field free

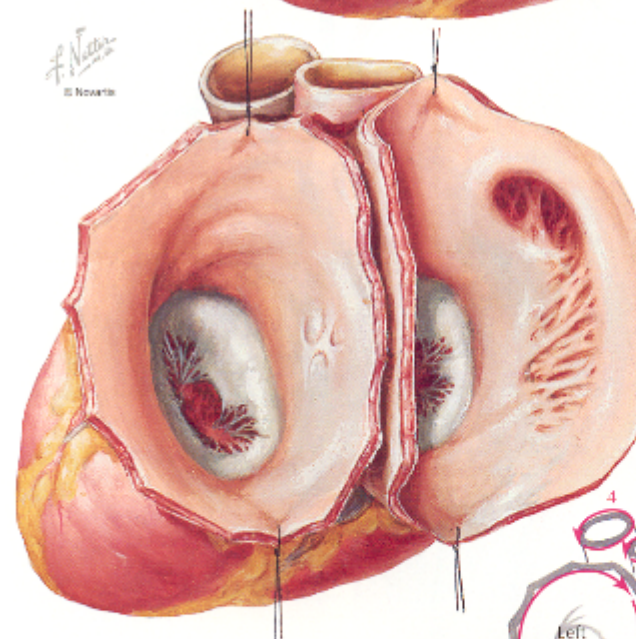


Recipient's thorax opened by midline sternum-splitting incision; pericardium incised longitudinally and stitched to wound edges; tapes passed around venae cavae and tightened as patient is placed on extra-corporeal circulation; aorta clamped. (Broken lines indicate levels for transection of aorta and pulmonary trunk)

Heart Transplantation: Donor Heart

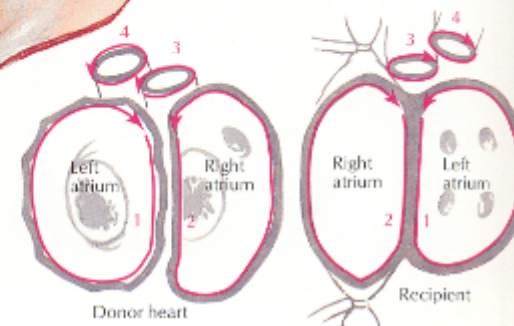


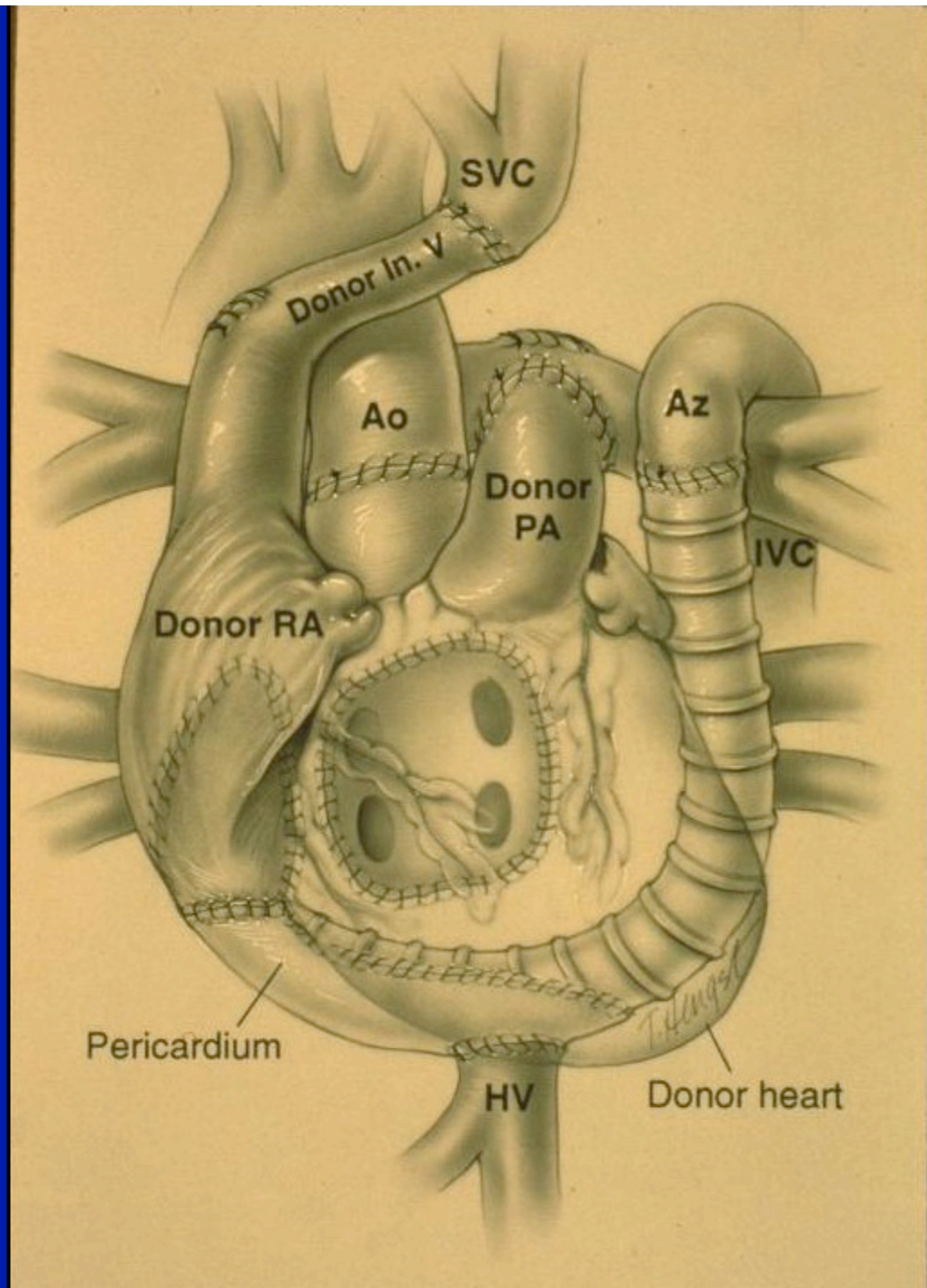
Heart removed from donor by severing superior and inferior venae cavae, pulmonary veins, aorta, and pulmonary trunk (viewed from rear). (Broken lines indicate incisions to connect caval orifices and vein orifices, thus opening the atria without dividing the septum.)



The flaps created by the incisions indicated above have been turned out and drawn longitudinally by sutures, thus extending the septum and atrial walls to accommodate to larger heart of recipient

Diagram to indicate successive continuous sutures to be employed in uniting donor heart to recipient

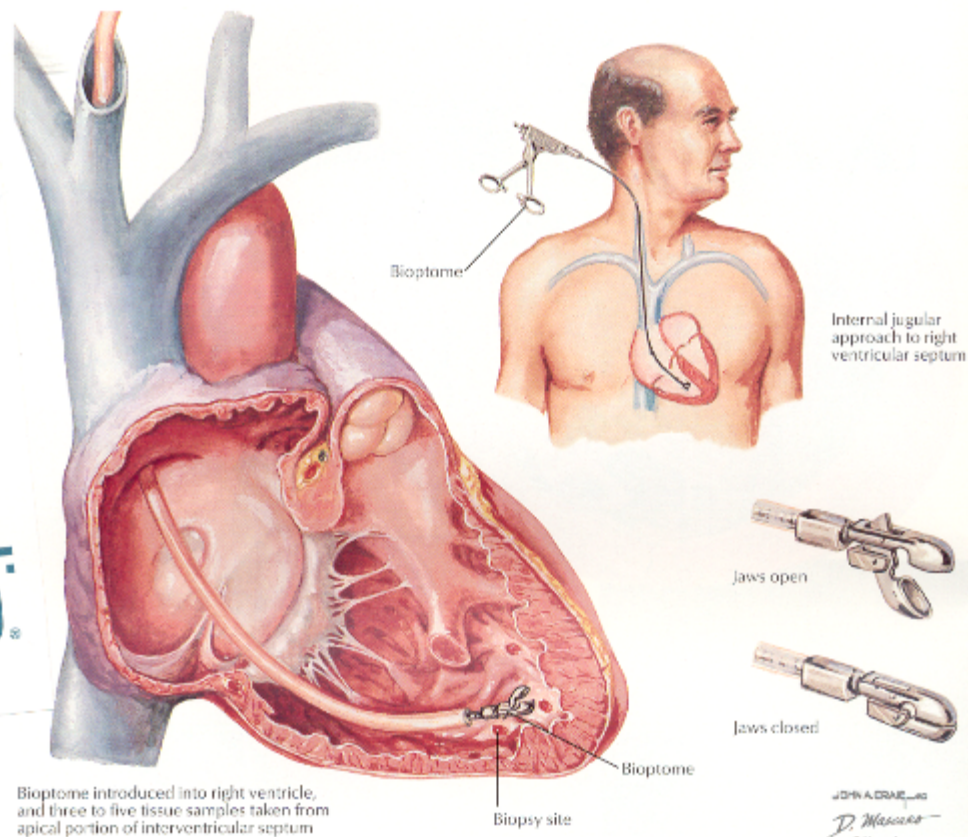




Diagnosis of human cardiac allograft rejection by serial cardiac biopsy

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Endomyocardial Biopsy



Pathology of Transplantation

- Effects of immunosuppression
 - drug toxicity
 - infection
 - neoplasia
- Allograft rejection
 - humoral (antibody-mediated)
 - cellular
 - chronic injury

Therapy categories

Induction = therapy at start of transplant; typically consists of methylprednisolone and/or antibody preparations (lymphocyte depletion)

Maintenance = chronic therapy

Desensitization = therapies to reduce newly formed or pre-existing alloantibodies; IV Ig or Cyclophosphamide, Rituximab (anti-CD 20 antibody), Bortezomib, Eculizumab

Basic Immunosuppression

Maintenance

Steroids

Azathioprine

Mycophenolate

mofetil (MMF)

Cyclosporine

Tacrolimus

Sirolimus

Belatacept

(FDA approved-2011)

Induction

Basiliximab

Daclizumab

OKT3

ATGAM

Thymoglobulin

Alemtuzumab

(Campath-1H)

Side Effects of Chronic Immunosuppression

Infectious

Viral

Fungal

Bacterial

Malignant

Lymphoma

Skin

Toxic

Renal

Cardiovascular (hypertension, hyperlipidemia)

Metabolic

Diabetes

Osteoporosis

Cosmetic

Hirsutism

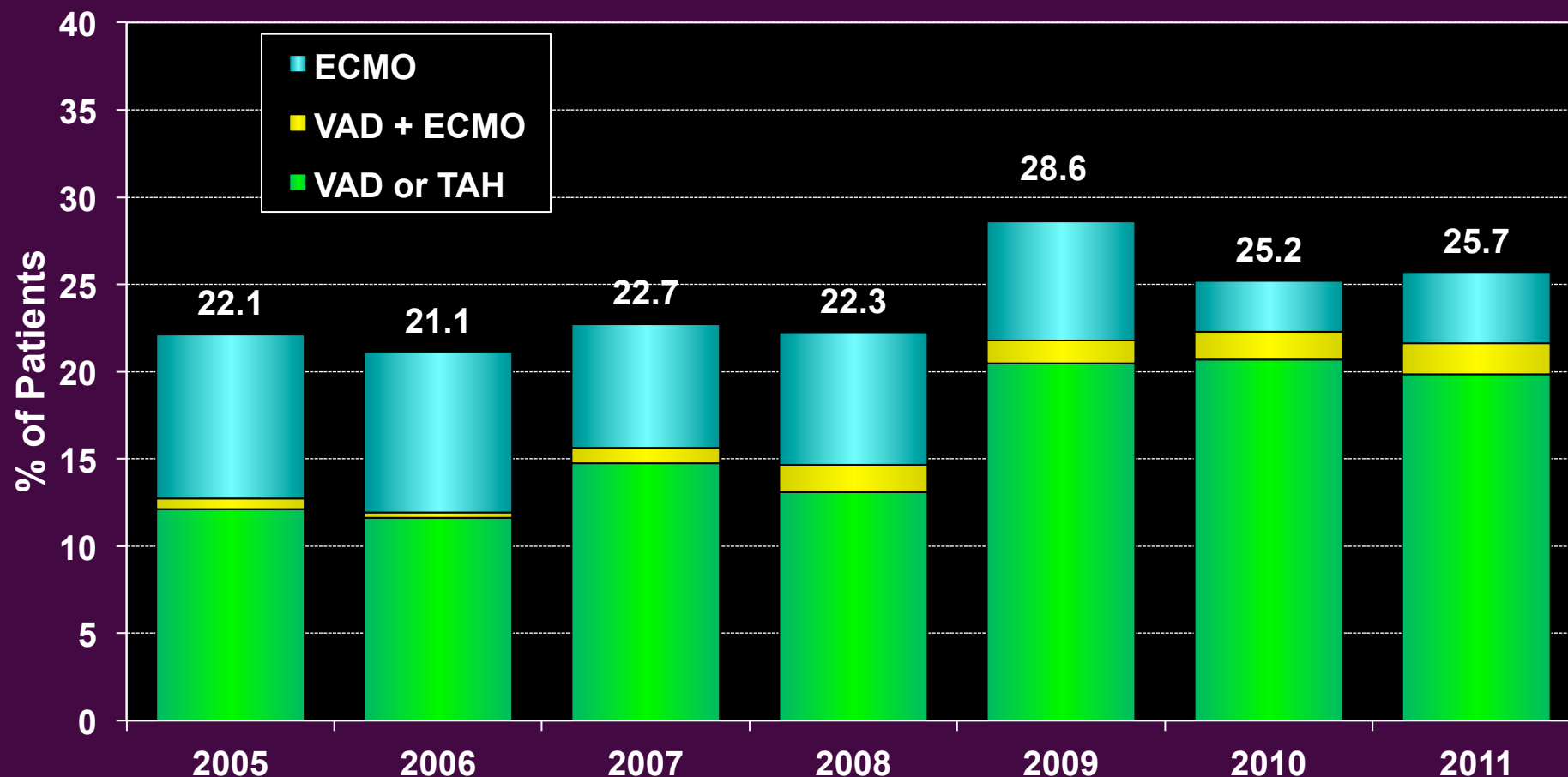
Acne

Immunotherapy is a Balance

- Immunosuppression prevents rejection and is required indefinitely post-Tx
- Immunosuppression has risks: infection, malignancy, toxicity
- Finding the balance is an important task but there is no established objective measure of immunosuppression

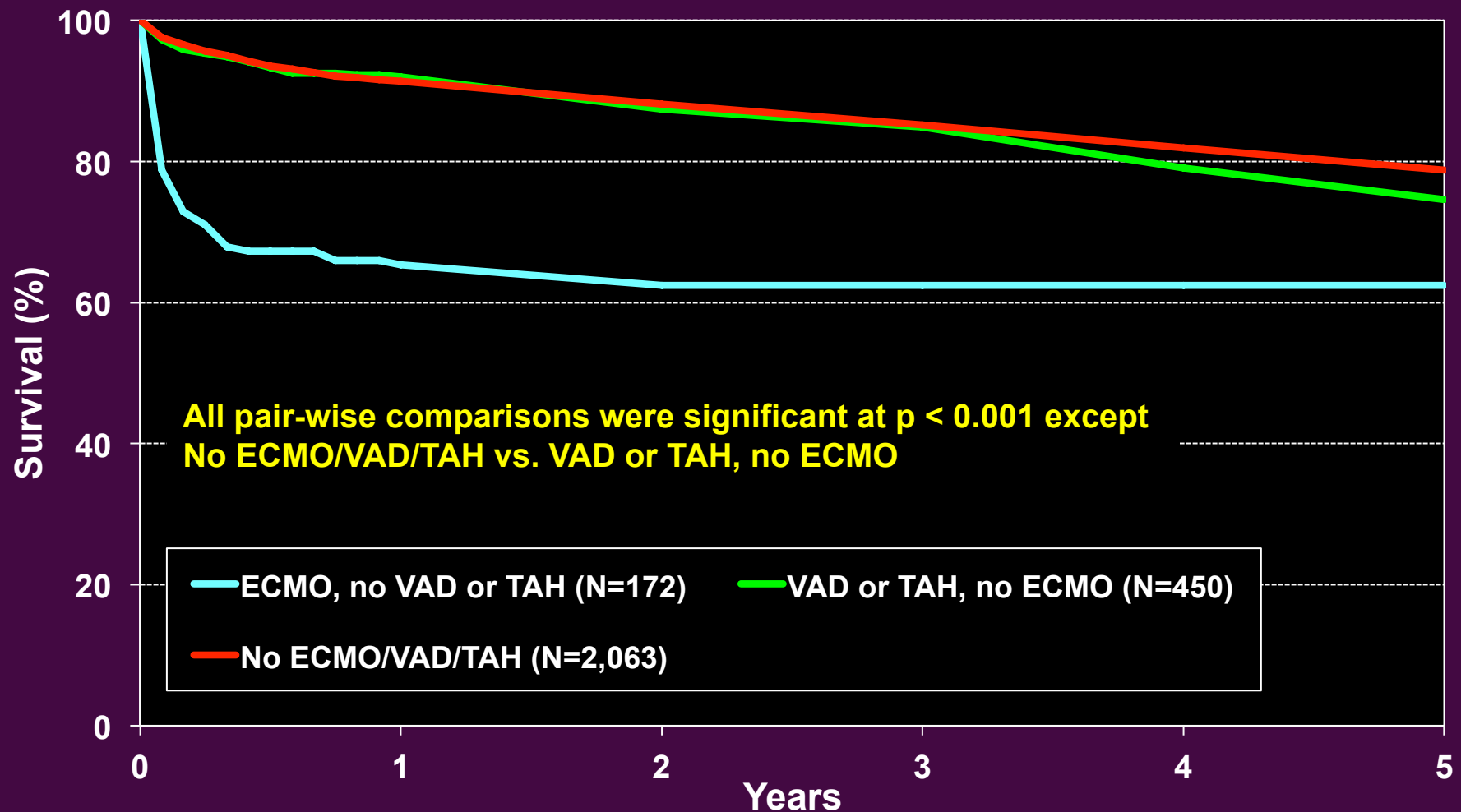
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% of Patients Bridged with Mechanical Circulatory Support* by Year (Transplants: January 2005 – December 2011)



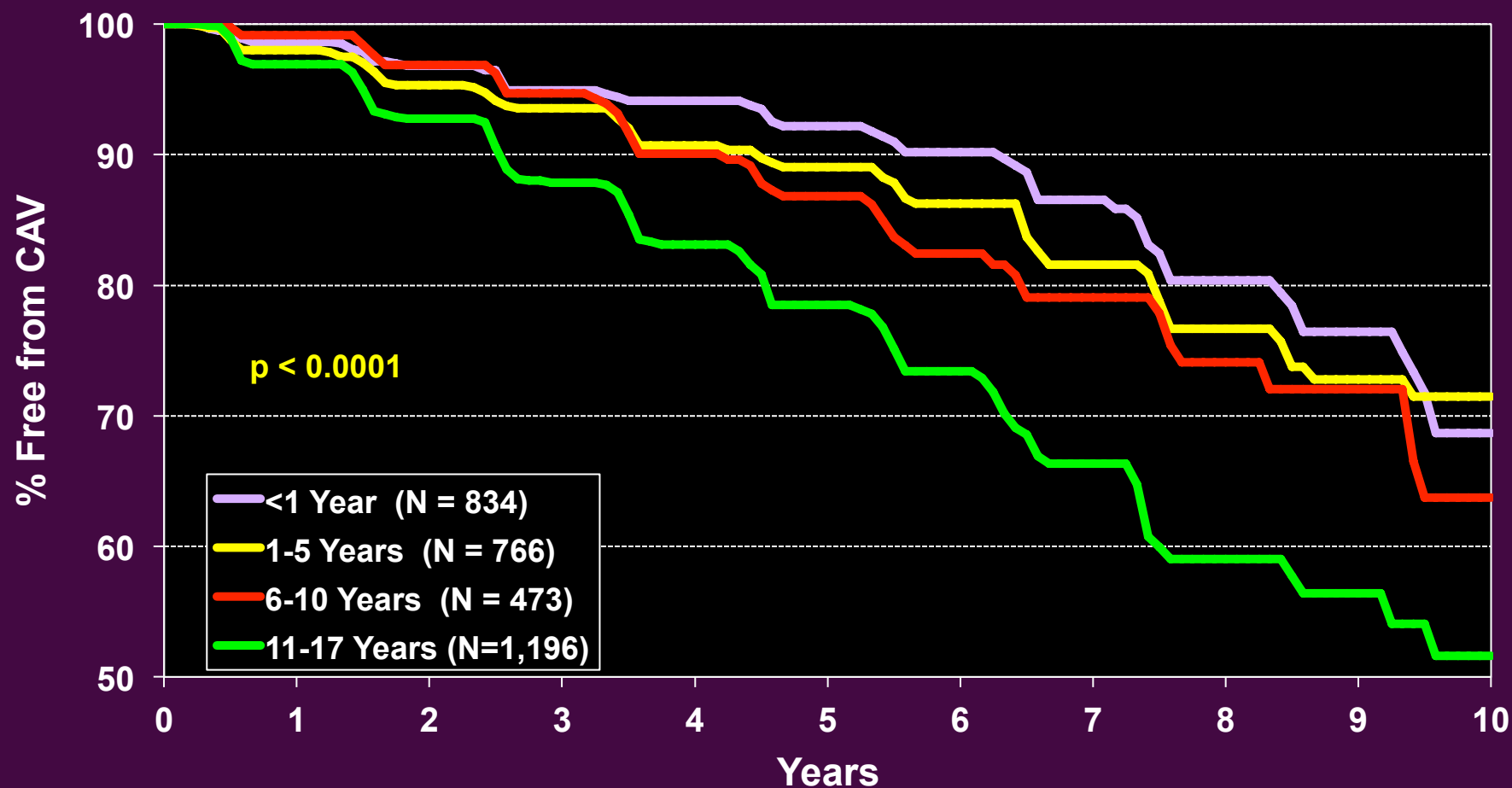
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Kaplan-Meier Survival by Mechanical Circulatory Support Usage* (Transplants: January 2000 – June 2011)



Pediatric Heart Transplants

Freedom from Coronary Artery Vasculopathy by Age Group (Follow-ups: 2000 – June 2012)



PEDIATRIC HEART TRANSPLANTS (2001-2010)

Risk Factors For 1 Year Mortality

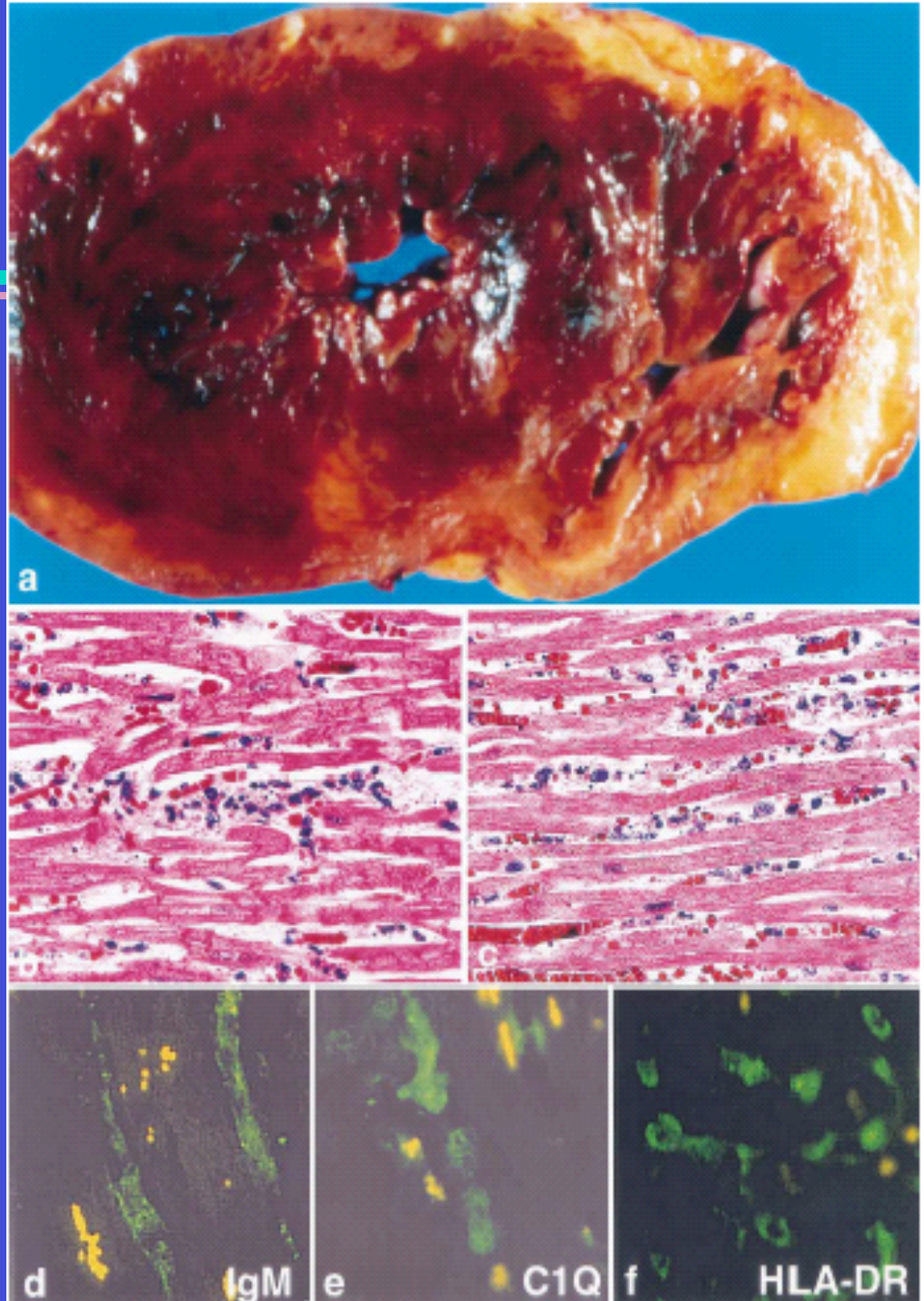
VARIABLE	N	Hazard Ratio	P-value	95% Confidence Interval
ECMO	280	2.65	<.0001	2.00-3.50
Retransplant	206	2.16	0.0003	1.42-3.27
Congenital diagnosis	1426	2.04	<.0001	1.58-2.64
On dialysis	123	2.03	<.0001	1.42-2.90
Donor cause of death = cerebrovascular/stroke vs. head trauma	327	1.53	0.009	1.11-2.11
Donor cause of death other than (head trauma, cerebrovascular/stroke, anoxia and CNS tumor) vs. head trauma	289	1.49	0.027	1.05-2.12
Male donor/female recip vs. male donor/male recip	913	1.44	0.006	1.11-1.88
Prior sternotomy	830	1.42	0.007	1.10-1.83
On ventilator	700	1.35	0.017	1.06-1.73
PRA > 10%	311	1.35	0.05	1.00-1.81
Infection requiring IV drug therapy (within 2wk/TX)	610	1.32	0.027	1.03-1.69
Donor cause of death = anoxia vs. head trauma	902	0.75	0.026	0.58-0.97

Reference group = Cardiomyopathy, no devices

Pathology of Rejection

- Hyperacute (antibody-mediated)
- Antibody-mediated rejection (humoral)
- Acute
 - cellular
- Chronic (OB, CAV, CAN, vanishing bile)

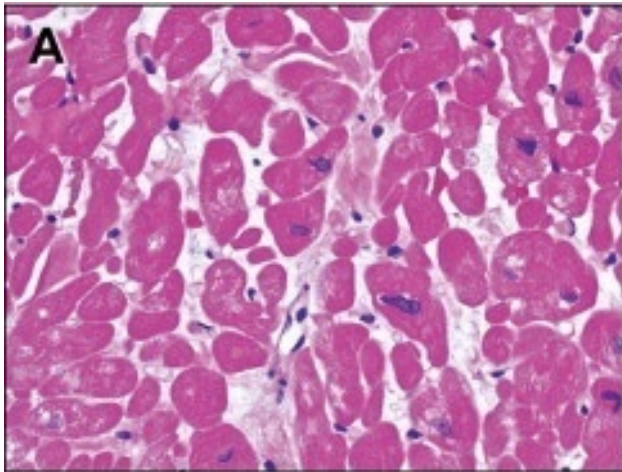
Heart transplant patient who died of humoral rejection. Macros show diffuse hemorrhage in both ventricles. Micros show intravascular macs and neutrophils. IF show capillary positivity for IgM, C1q and HLA-DR.



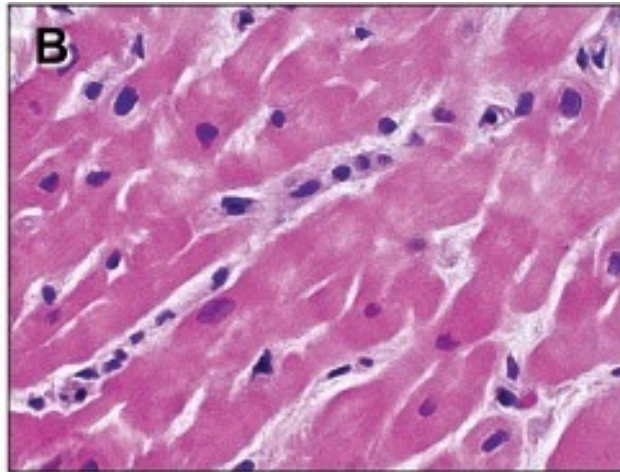
Hyperacute rejection

- < 1% incidence (role of cross-match)
- Minutes to days onset
- Abrupt organ dysfunction
- Preformed circulating Abs
 - complement activation
 - neutrophil recruitment
 - platelet aggregation
- Vascular thrombosis

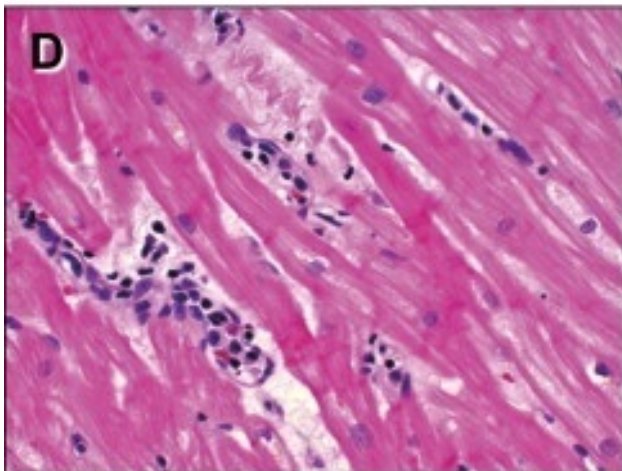
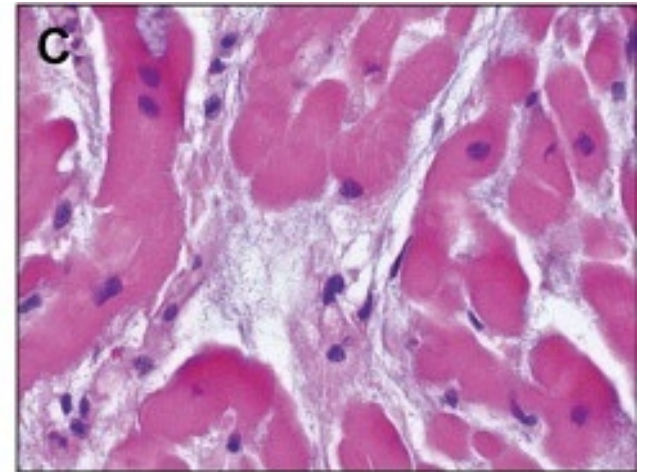
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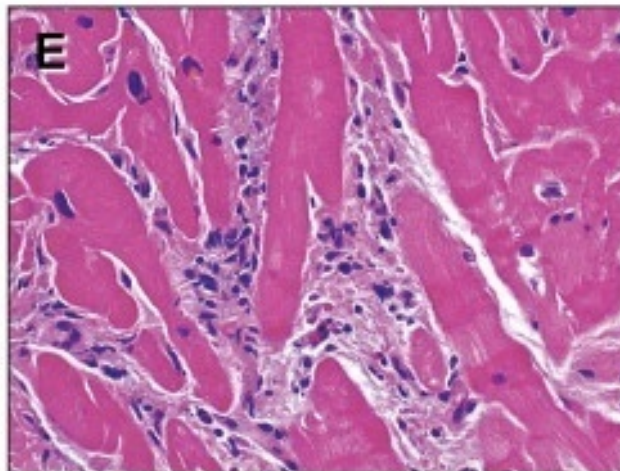
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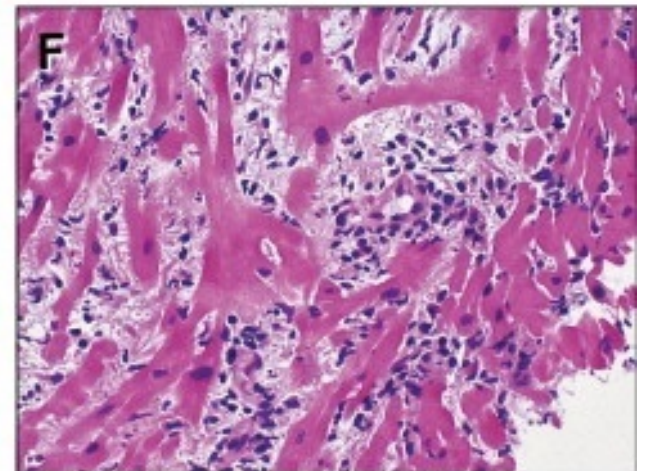
Borderline AMR



Mild AMR

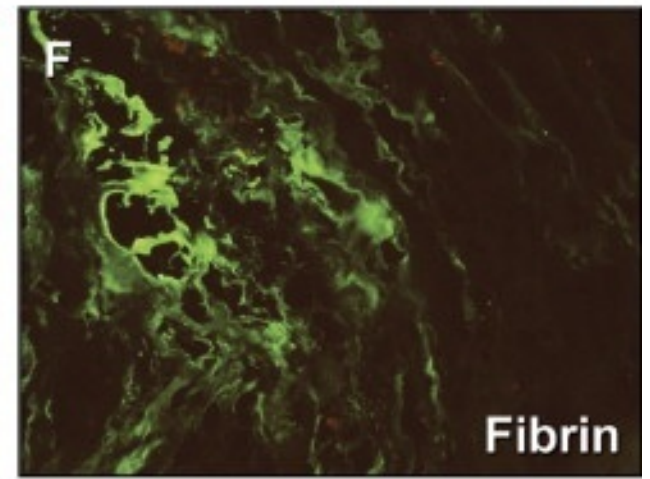
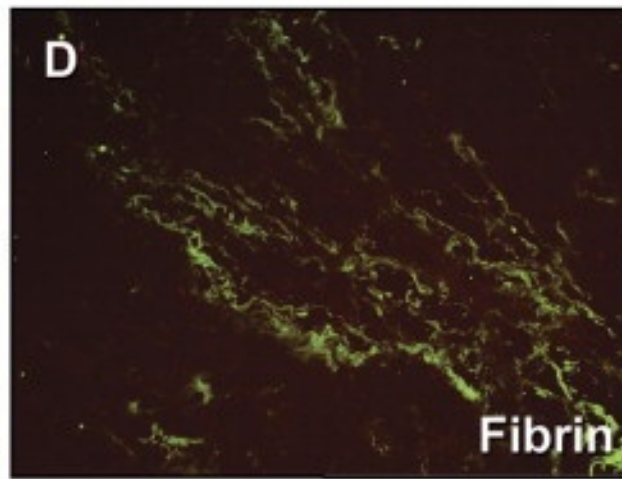
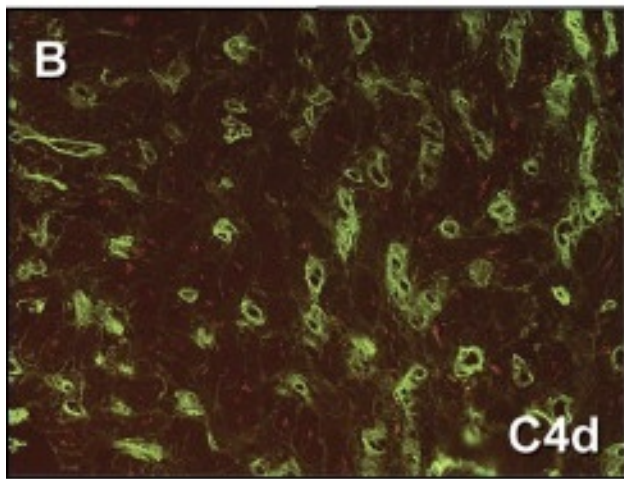
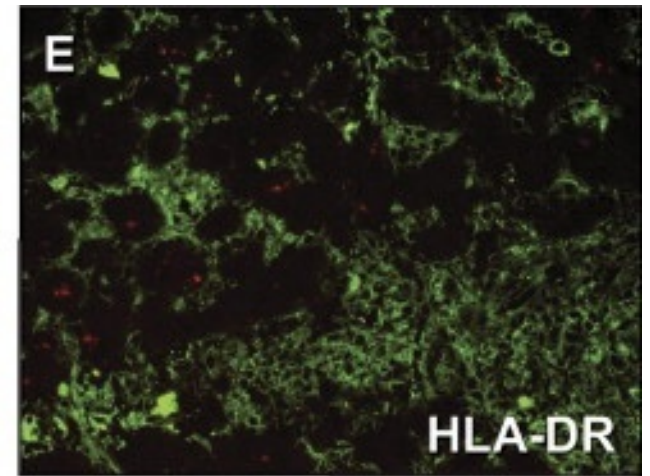
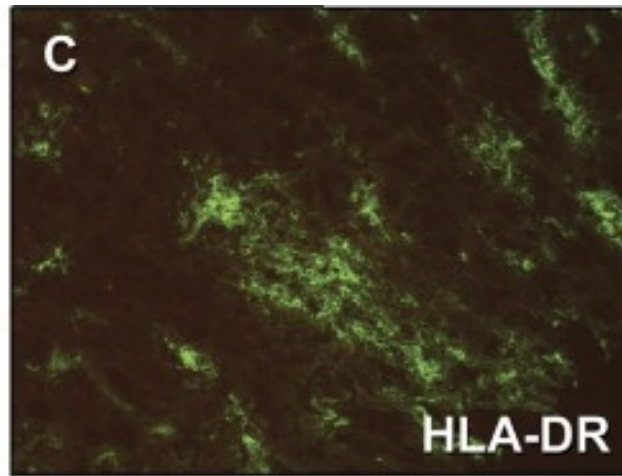
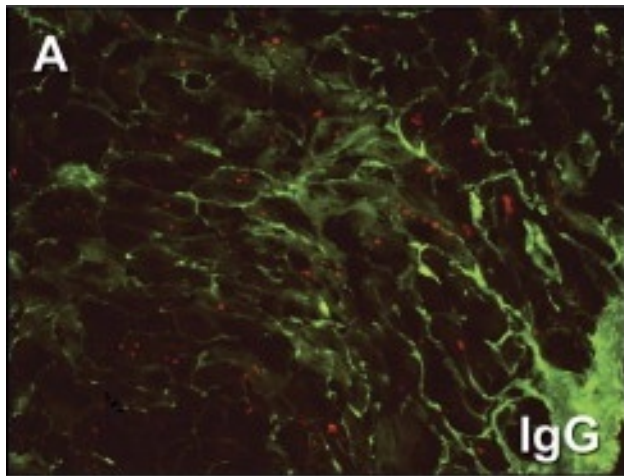


Moderate AMR



Severe AMR

AMR: Immunopathology



Mild AMR

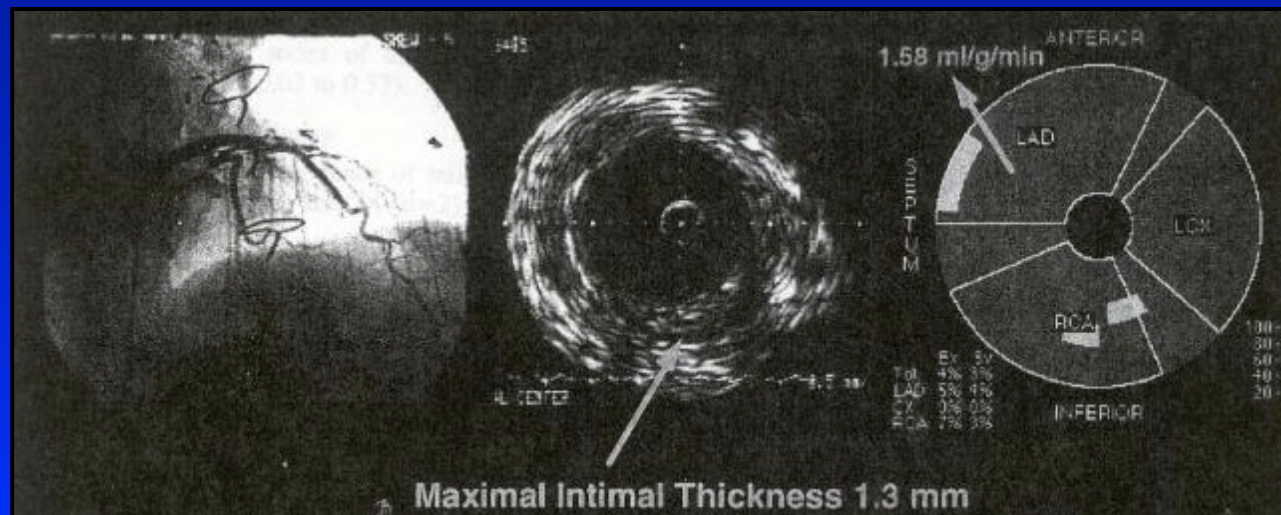
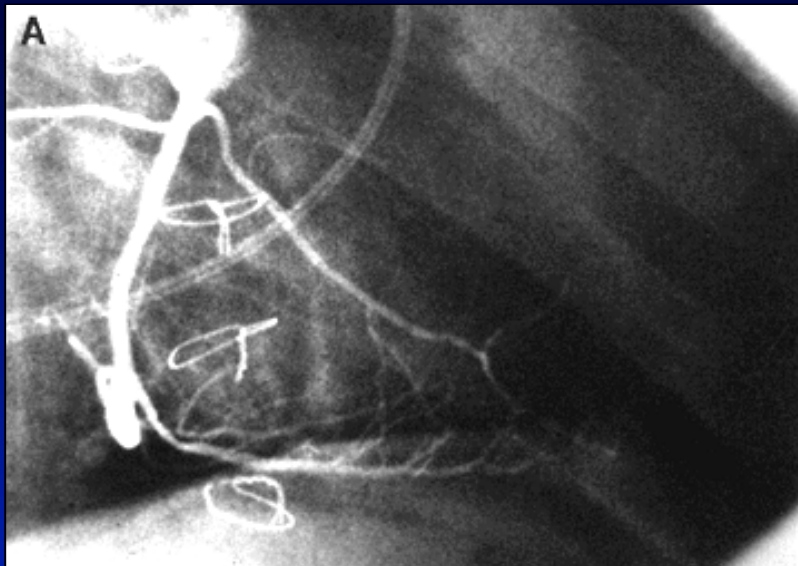
Moderate AMR

Severe AMR

The Spectrum of Antibody-mediated rejection

Cardiac Allograft Vasculopathy (CAV)

Histology: Chronic AMR?



Management of Antibody-mediated Rejection

"To fight the enemy, first know the enemy"

- **Removal of circulating anti-HLA antibodies**
 - Plasmapheresis, immune apheresis (adsorption)
- **Reduction in production/inhibition of anti-HLA antibodies**
 - Intravenous immune globulin (IVIG)
 - B-cell (anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody rituximab); plasma cell (proteasome inhib. bortezomib) depletion
 - Cytolytic therapy, tacrolimus/MMF, cyclophosphamide, TLI?, photopheresis?
- **Anti-complement therapy**
 - (eculizumab, anti-C5 monoclonal antibody)
- **High dose steroids, circulatory support, anticoagulation**

Chronic “rejection” (injury)

- Achilles heel (biologic constraint) of solid organ allotransplantation
- Months to years onset
- Insidious decline in organ function
- Chronic healing and scarring
- Vascular (or airway or biliary) dense fibrosis (ischemia)
- Rx-reTx (poor response to conventional immunotherapy)

**SPECIAL
REPORT**

HEALTH & TECHNOLOGY: WHAT THE FUTURE MEANS FOR YOU

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Newsweek

June 25, 2001

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How Technology Will Heal Your **HEART**

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Power on
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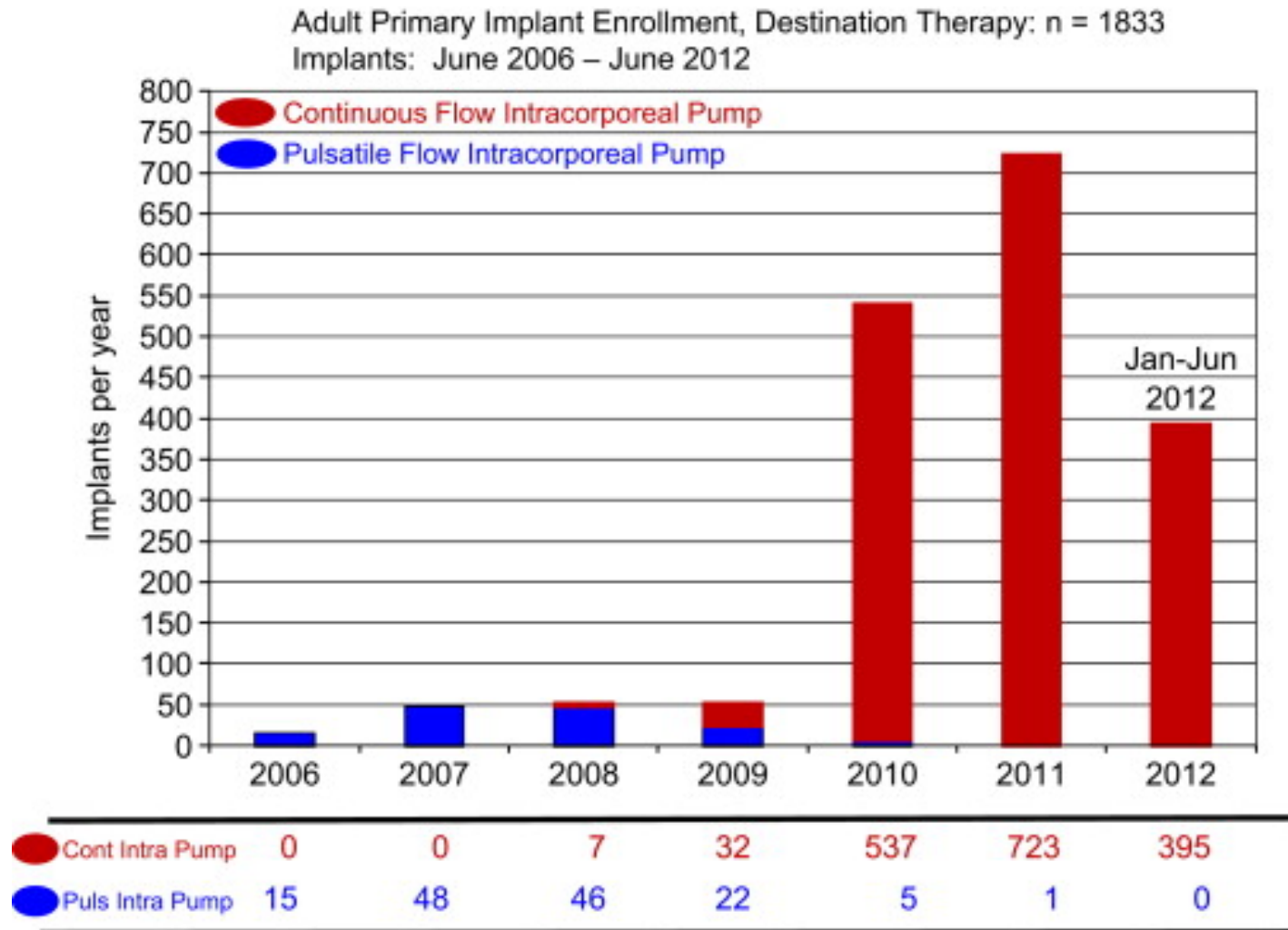
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LVADs



Advantages of Long-Term Mechanical Support

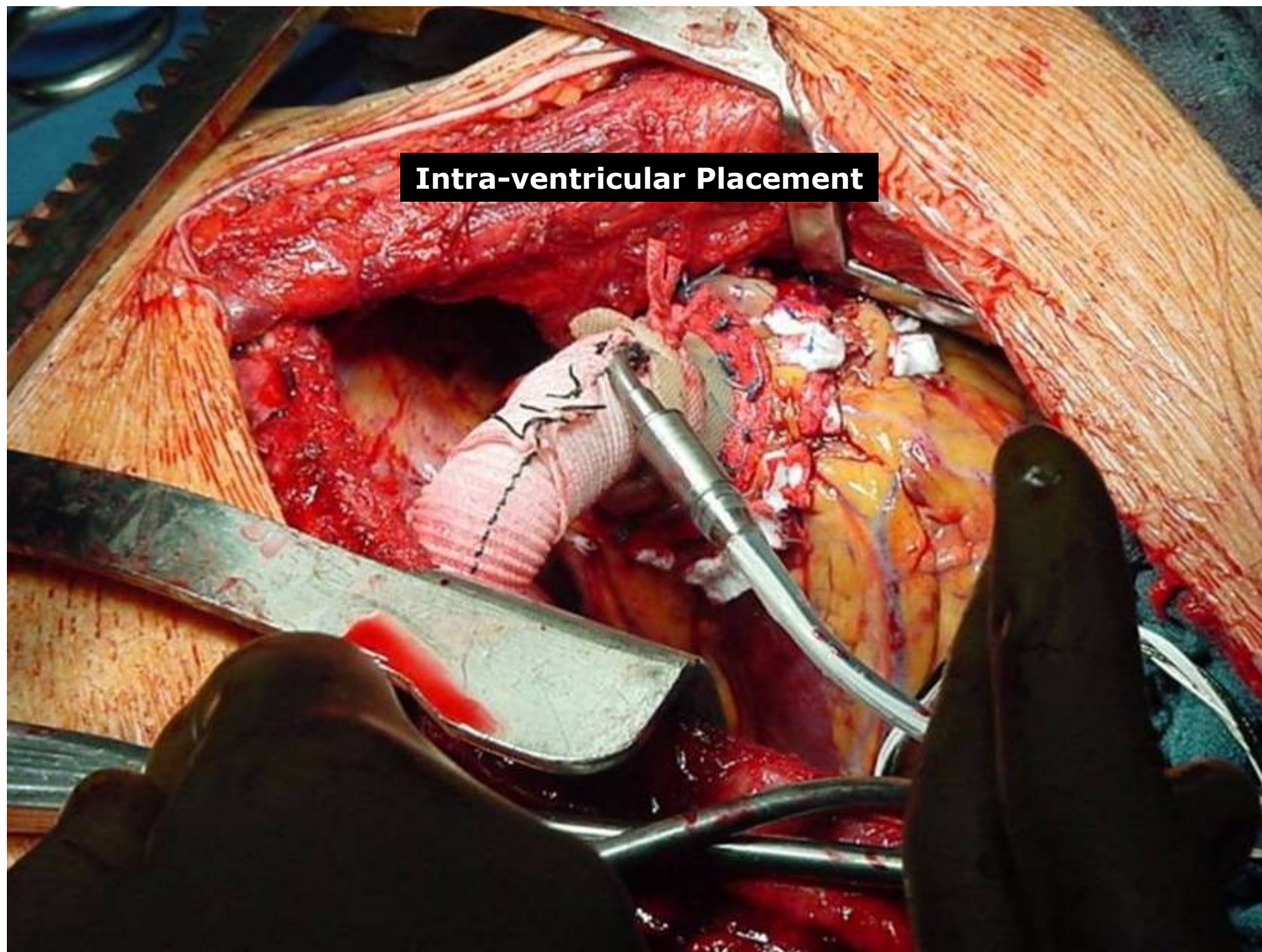
- nutritional status
- muscle mass and tone
- functional capabilities
- end-organ function
- better transplant candidates

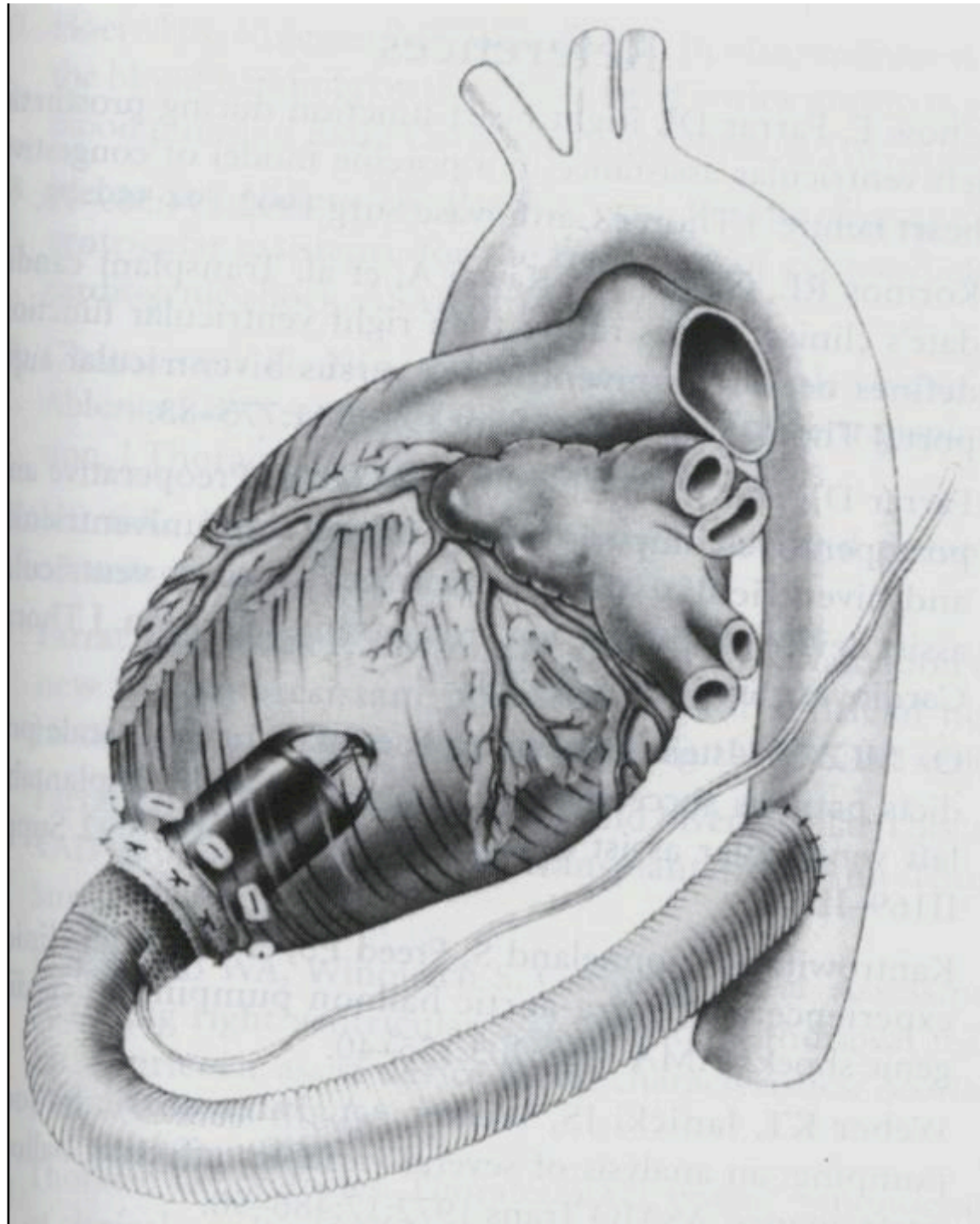
Initial clinical experience with the Jarvik 2000 implantable axial-flow left ventricular assist system



Frazier et al.: Circulation. 2002;105:2855-2860

Intra-ventricular Placement



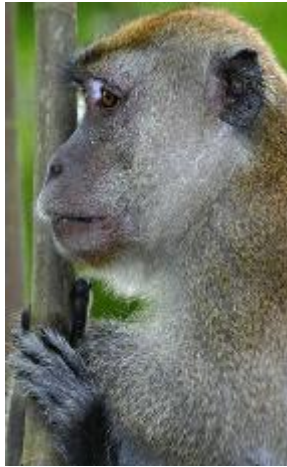


Baboon-to-Human Cardiac Xenotransplantation in a Neonate

Leonard L. Bailey, MD; Sandra L. Nehlsen-Cannarella, PhD; Waldo Concepcion, MD; Weldon B. Jolley, PhD

**This report details the first case of cardiac xenotransplantation in a neonate. The recipient, a victim of hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS), survived 20 days. Autopsy findings are documented. The cardiac graft showed only traces of cell-mediated rejection. Graft failure appears to have resulted from a progressive, potentially avoidable humoral response, unmodified by immunosuppression. Cardiac allotransplantation and selective baboon-to-human xenotransplantation deserve further exploration as investigational therapy for neonatal HLHS.
(JAMA 1985;254:3321-3329)**

Animal and Human Models



We received him from a lab in U.S.

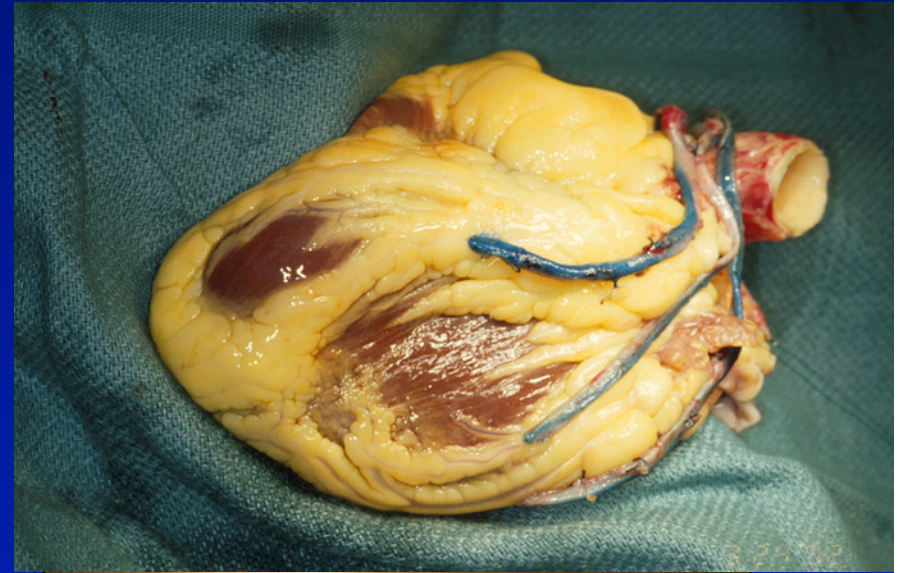


Xenotransplantation

Galactose - α -1,3-galactose - main target for human preformed antibodies

- 1) With GRKO/HCD55 pigs to nonhuman primates (cardiac xenografts) have a median survival of 90 days
- 2) Further genetic modifications of pigs ongoing by introduction of human anticoagulant or antithrombotic protein-encoding genes (thrombomodulin, tissue factor pathway inhibitor) as well anti-inflammatory and anticoagulation genes will be needed for viable long-term outcome and organ function
- 3) Biosafety issues related to transmission porcine endogenous retroviruses (PERV)

Coronary Artery Disease



Organ Donor Management

International clinical trials of heart and lung organ management prior to implantation:

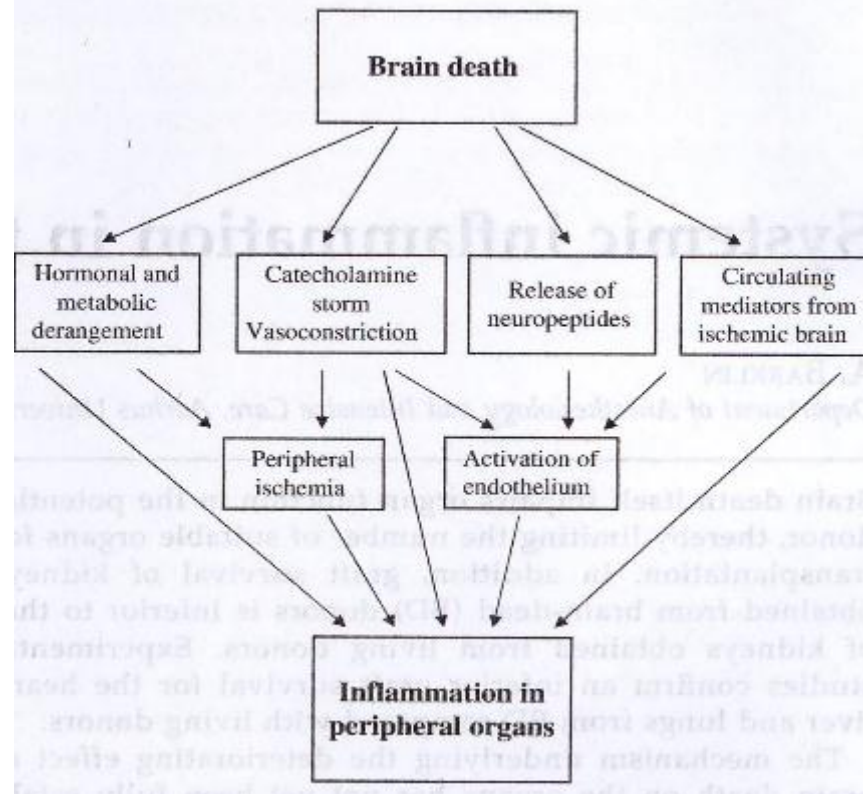
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NOVEL
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Old and the New

- 1) Marginal donors (e.g., HIV+, HCV+, older, longer ischemic time, CAD, valvular disease, LVH)
- 2) Organ Care System (*Transmedic*) [Hearts and Lungs + pumping kidneys]
- 3) Cell therapy (e.g., stem cells, pluripotent cells, BMC)
- 4) Growth and generation of whole organs on various scaffolds

Donor - brain death



Leads to inflammatory response - in heart

- ♦ Increase levels of IL-6, IL-6 receptors, P-selectin, VCAM-1, TNF- α
- ♦ Higher levels in failing vs, non-failing hearts
- ♦ TNF- α elevation predicted poor outcome

Conclusions

- The first 60 years of organ transplantation has witnessed tremendous progress in management of acute rejection and one year graft survival approaches 90% for most organs.
- Attention is now refocused on improving long-term outcomes with attention focused on combating antibody and innate mediated injury, reducing renal and cardiovascular morbidities, donor organ management prior to implantation, and personalized immunosuppression

